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## UTILITY APPLICATION

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First Named Inventor: To be provided later  
Title: METHODS AND APPARATUSES FOR TREATING  
THE SPINE THROUGH AN ACCESS DEVICE  
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(X) Specification in 50 pages.  
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### CONTINUITY INFORMATION:

Application	Relationship	Parent App. No.	Filing Date	Status
This Application	continuation-in-part of	10/280,489	10/25/2002	Pending

### OTHER APPLICATION PARTS:

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

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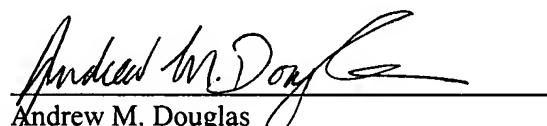
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Basic Utility		2001(\$375)		\$375
Non-English Spec.		1053(\$130)		\$0
Recordation Fee		8021(\$40)	0 x 40 =	\$0
Excess Claims > 20	27 - 20 = 7	2202(\$9)	7 x 9 =	\$63
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Multiple Claim		2203(\$140)		\$0
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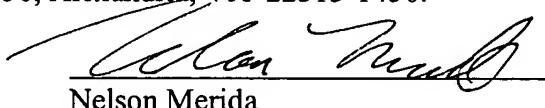
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